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SUBJECT: CODEL TO VIET-NAM AND CAMBODIA

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1. CODEL TO VIET-NAM AND CAMBODIA NOW DEFINITELY SCHEDULED
DEPART WASHINGTON 0800 FEBRUARY 25. REMAINDER OF ITINERARY
IS AS FOLLOWS:

2/25 1410 HOURS ARRIVE HICKAM AFB

2/26 0210 HOURS DEPART HICKAM AFB

2/27 0530 HOURS ARRIVE GUAM

2/27 0700 HOURS DEPART GUAM

2/27 1010 HOURS ARRIVE SAIGON

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RETURN SCHEDULE TENTATIVELY SET TO DEPART SAIGON MARCH 3

AT 0800 HOURS, VIA YOKOTA, RETURNING TO WASHINGTON MARCH 3
AT 1710.

2. CONGRESSIONAL PARTICIPANTS PRESENTLY CONFIRMED ARE
FLYNT, FRASER, ABZUG, FENWICK, CHAPPELL, MURTHA AND
HARKIN. ONE OR TWO POSSIBLE ADDITIONS COULD BE ADDED
BEFORE TAKE-OFF. ON CONGRESSIONAL STAFFDEL SIDE, BOB
BOETTCHER OF HFAC STAFF WILL ALSO TRAVEL. EXECUTIVE

BRANCH PARTICIPATION INCLUDES HABIB, ERIC VON MARBOD OF
DOD, JOHN HELBLE OF HABIB'S STAFF AND HARVEY BUFFALO OF
STATE ADMINISTRATION BUREAU. BOB WOLTHIUS OF WHITE HOUSE
LEGISLATIVE LIAISON OFFICE WILL TRAVEL, AS WELL AS THREE
FSO ESCORT INTERPRETERS REQUESTED BY DELEGATION: KEN
QUINN (NSC), FRANK SCOTTON (USIA) AND LARS HYDLE (STATE
LIAISON WITH MARINE COMMANDANT'S OFFICE). BARBARA GIAMO,
SECRETARY ON CONGRESSMAN HAYES' SUBCOMMITTEE, WILL ALSO
BE ONBOARD.

3. CODEL WILL APPRECIATE CINCPAC BRIEFING ON ARRIVAL
HONOLULU. REQUEST ACCOMMODATIONS BE AVAILABLE FOR REST
FOR ALL MEMBERS OF PARTY. BRIEFING SHOULD BE AS SHORT
AND INFORMAL AS POSSIBLE, PERMITTING MAXIMUM TIME FOR
CODELS' QUESTIONS.

4. MR. FLYNT IS ACTING AS DELEGATION CHAIRMAN. CODEL
IS PREPARED TO MEET PRESS IN HONOLULU AND SAIGON.

5. FOR SAIGON. CODELS' INTERESTS HAVE BEEN REFLECTED IN
PREVIOUS MESSAGES. WISH TO REPEAT, HOWEVER, THAT CODEL
WOULD APPRECIATE INITIAL BRIEFING AT EMBASSY, BUT HOPES
TO MINIMIZE FORMAL BRIEFINGS DURING VISIT, PARTICULARLY
GIVEN SHORTENED STAY IN SAIGON.

6. FOR PHNOM PENH. AT MEETING THIS MORNING CODEL
EXPRESSED PREFERENCE TO KEEP OPTION OPEN TO VISIT PHNOM
PENH, AND WILL PROVIDE FURTHER GUIDANCE AFTER ARRIVAL
SAIGON. YOU MAY BE ASSURED WE UNDERSTAND USEFULNESS
OF CODEL VISITING PHNOM PENH, AND WILL URGE AS MANY
MEMBERS AS POSSIBLE TO DO SO.

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7. FOR HONG KONG. RETURN ITINERARY DOES NOT ENVISAGE
STOP IN HONG KONG. WILL ADVISE IF ITINERARY ALTERED
TO INCLUDE HONG KONG.

8. FOR ALL ACTION ADDRESSEES: CODEL, BOETTCHER AND
EXECUTIVE REPRESENTATIVES ALL CLEARED FOR TOP SECRET ON
NEED TO KNOW BASIS.

9. FOR SAIGON AND PHNOM PENH. ASSUME VISA WAIVERS CON-
VEYED EARLIER REMAIN IN EFFECT. KISSINGER

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